

# **EXHIBIT 17**

**From:** Jonathan Schwartz <jis@sun.com>  
**Sent:** Thu Jun 07 2007 19:27:43 PDT  
**To:** Simon Phipps <simon.phipps@sun.com>  
**CC:** Rich Green <rich.green@sun.com>; Aisling MacRunnels <aisling.macrunnels@sun.com>; John Fowler <john.fowler@sun.com>  
**Subject:** Re: IcedTea is live: an OpenJDK experiment with 100% Free Software  
**Attachments:**

**Importance:** Normal  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Sensitivity:** None

how cool is that...

On Jun 7, 2007, at 12:18 PM, Simon Phipps wrote:

> Awesome community engagement here. This means we already have a  
> foot-hold for OpenJDK in Fedora, Debian and other "high-purity"  
> Linux distros, just a month after launch.

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> Begin forwarded message:

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>> From: Tom Marble <Tom.Marble@Sun.COM>

>> Date: June 7, 2007 20:12:15 BDT

>> To: opensource@sun.com

>> Subject: IcedTea is live: an OpenJDK experiment with 100% Free  
>> Software

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>> All:

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>> Andrew Haley, Tom Fitzsimmons and the Classpath & Friends crew  
>> have proposed the experimental IcedTea project which is based  
>> upon OpenJDK, but replaces the binary plugs with Free Software  
>> alternatives from GNU/Classpath. In addition IcedTea can be  
>> bootstrapped from GCJ -- thus a complete Free Software solution.

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>>>> We have been working within Red Hat to replace these binary  
>>>> plugs with  
>>>> free software based on GNU Classpath and to remove the need for  
>>>> bootstrapping with unfree software. This is important for a  
>>>> number of  
>>>> reasons, the most pressing being that only free software may be  
>>>> used

>>>> to build operating systems like Fedora.

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>> This applies as well to Debian. Once OpenJDK is 100% Free Software  
>> we can get OpenJDK proper into Fedora and Debian. This will mean  
>> that

>> it can also get into RedHat and Ubuntu as well as making code based

>> on and/or using Sun's implementation of Java SE available as a build  
>> dependency and candidate member of the Linux toolchain.  
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>> And while we are talking about packaging it will be very exciting  
>> to package OpenJDK along with cool Java libraries and applications  
>> for OpenSolaris Indiana too!  
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>> Rest assured that the intent of this experiment is that all the code  
>> will be contributed to OpenJDK under the Sun Contributor Agreement.  
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>> FFI:  
>> [http://thread.gmane.org/gmane.comp.java.openjdk.distro-](http://thread.gmane.org/gmane.comp.java.openjdk.distro-packaging.devel/5)  
>> [packaging.devel/5](http://thread.gmane.org/gmane.comp.java.openjdk.distro-packaging.devel/5)  
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>> Amazing progress in the first month!  
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>> Regards,  
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>> --Tom  
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